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Twitter

Did you know Discovery MAT is on Twitter? Follow @discoverymat for updates on children's learning and experiences across the Trust.

There are also photos on the DiscoveryMAT website
www.discoverymat.co.uk



Important Dates

17/11/17 Children in Need
08/12/17 PTFA Disco
14/12/17 Christmas Lunch
14/12/17 Christmas Fayre
19/12/17 Christmas Jumper Day
19/12/17 Last Day of Term
03/01/18 New Term Starts



Dates
for your
DIARY



My name is Alannah Bensaih and I am a trainee teacher on the Devon Primary School Centred Teacher Training Programme. I will be spending a lot of time with Mars Class this year. I also have a 4-week period of teaching placement with them in November. The children in Mars class prefer to call me Mrs Ben, so you may hear my name, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a few things about me.

I am extremely passionate about child development and being lucky to play a key role in this is what motivates me. I have been very fortunate to travel to different countries with vast cultural differences to my own, which has shaped my outlook on life in incredible ways. Languages, creative outlets, meeting new people, meditations, new and different life-experiences, are what I live for.

It is very exciting to be able to spend time with Mars class-they are incredible children and I am so fortunate to be part of their education.

Primary School Admissions 2018

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you can now apply for a place. **The closing date is Monday 15th January 2018.**

Weston Mill have 4 dates when you are able to view the school. Please contact the office on 01752 365250 to arrange this.

Many thanks



Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Children may come to school wearing 'Spotty or yellow' mufti for a small donation to Children in Need.

The kitchen will be selling biscuits for 50p and the PTFA will also be selling sweets after school with all proceeds going to this worthy cause.

Many thanks for
your co-operation
and support



Site Manager update

As the colder weather approaches can we please remind all parents/carers etc. to use the footpath when entering and leaving the school. As the grass will become very wet and muddy.

Please also be reminded that the 'blue' gates are open until 9.20am and access to and from the school should be via this route.

**PLEASE
NOTE..**

WANTED

NEW LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for volunteers who are keen to aid the Trust in improving outcomes and in securing high quality education for all children across the Trust's schools, as part of the Trust's Local Advisory Board (LAB).

To be an LAB member, you must support the values and ethos of Discovery MAT and be prepared to:

- Equip yourself with the knowledge to talk about teaching, learning and assessment
- Get to know the schools, its pupils, staff and parents
- Have a clear commitment to challenging and supporting leaders
- Ask probing questions
- Regularly review your own performance and contribution
- Undertake regular training and develop a sound knowledge of the Ofsted framework
- Maintain confidentiality

The role of an LAB member is an important one. You will be involved in monitoring each school's performance and progress, and will be part of a team that acts as a critical friend to the Heads of School and senior leadership teams, providing challenge and support as appropriate.

WHAT WILL WE OFFER YOU?

- A good induction with copies of key Trust documents
- Induction training with other new LAB members
- Regular training opportunities, including data analysis and Ofsted framework
- Professional clerking to support the LAB, to facilitate good governance
- The opportunity to make a difference to the young people in our care, now and in the future

APPLICATION DETAILS

To apply, please complete an LAB application form, available from school reception. Please return the form to the school reception in a sealed envelope, marked for the attention of the Clerk to the LAB, Discovery MAT **BY FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Discovery MAT takes very seriously its responsibilities to safeguard children in our schools. The appointment process requires newly appointed LAB members to undergo a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check within 3 weeks of appointment. Refusal to comply leads to disqualification as an LAB member. We will also follow up your references and ask you to produce evidence of identity (e.g. a passport or photo driving licence prior to your first meeting).

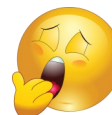
Nethercott Farm Residential

Everyone had a great time at Nethercott Farm. Lots of fun was had and we even had a Firework display!

Well done for being so well behaved.



We hope you had a quiet weekend catching up on sleep, the teachers certainly did!



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Bridgetown was the winning dorm
(pictured above)

